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Committee Bill No. 5991

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Referred to Committee on Government Administration and
Elections

Introduced by:
(GAE)

**AN ACT CONCERNING THE NOMINATING PROCESS FOR MINOR
PARTY CANDIDATES.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General
Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 9-374 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2007*):

3 No authority of the state or any political subdivision thereof having
4 jurisdiction over the conduct of any primary shall permit the name of a
5 party-endorsed candidate for an office or position to be printed on the
6 official ballot to be used at any such primary unless a copy of the party
7 rules regulating such party and its method of selecting party-endorsed
8 candidates for nomination to such office or for election as town
9 committee members, as the case may be, has been filed in the office of
10 the Secretary of the State at least sixty days before such candidate is
11 selected under such method of endorsement. The selection of delegates
12 to conventions shall not be valid unless at least one copy of the party
13 rules regulating the manner of making such selection has been filed in
14 the office of the Secretary of the State at least sixty days before such
15 selection is made. A duplicate copy of such rules shall also be filed

16 with the state central committee of such party. A copy of the local
17 party rules, relating to a party in a municipality, shall be filed
18 forthwith by the town chairman or the secretary of the town committee
19 of such party in such municipality with the Secretary of the State. The
20 state party rules shall be filed by the state chairman or the secretary of
21 the state central committee of such party. In the case of a minor party,
22 no authority of the state or any subdivision thereof having jurisdiction
23 over the conduct of any election shall permit the name of a candidate
24 of such party for any office to be printed on the official ballot unless at
25 least one copy of the party rules regulating the manner of nominating
26 a candidate for such office has been filed in the office of the Secretary
27 of the State at least sixty days before the nomination of such candidate.
28 In the case of a minor party, the selection of town committee members
29 and delegates to conventions shall not be valid unless at least one copy
30 of the party rules regulating the manner of making such selection has
31 been filed in the office of the Secretary of the State at least [sixty days
32 before such selection is made] six months prior to the election. A copy
33 of local party rules shall forthwith be also filed with the town clerk of
34 the municipality to which they relate. Party rules shall not be effective
35 until sixty days after the filing of the same with the Secretary of the
36 State. A party in any municipality for which local party rules with
37 respect to any office or position have not been filed as provided in this
38 section shall, as to such office or position, be subject to the provisions
39 of the effective state rules of such party applicable in municipalities
40 which do not have local party rules, until such time as local party rules
41 therefor are filed and become effective as provided in this section. The
42 town chairman of a party in any municipality for which local party
43 rules have not been adopted and filed as provided in this section shall
44 forthwith file a statement with the Secretary of the State to the effect
45 that such party in such municipality does not have local party rules.
46 The term "party rules" as used in this section includes any amendment
47 to such party rules. When any amendment is to be filed as required by
48 this section, complete party rules incorporating such amendment shall
49 be filed, together with a separate copy of such amendment.

50 Sec. 2. Section 9-452a of the general statutes is repealed and the
 51 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2007*):

52 Not later than five days before a minor party holds a party meeting
 53 to nominate a candidate for public office, the presiding officer of such
 54 meeting shall give written notice of the date, time, location and
 55 purpose of the meeting to, in the case of a municipal office, the town
 56 clerk of the municipality served by such office, or in the case of a state
 57 office or district office, the Secretary of the State. Concomitantly, the
 58 presiding officer of such meeting shall cause the written notice of such
 59 meeting to be published in a newspaper with a general circulation in
 60 the applicable town for such office. As used in this section, the terms
 61 "minor party", "state office", "district office" and "municipal office"
 62 have the meanings assigned to such terms in section 9-372.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2007</i>	9-374
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2007</i>	9-452a

Statement of Purpose:

To ensure a democratic process for nominating minor party candidates and allow minor party enrolled members an opportunity to participate in the process.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]

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